Remission of Tax in Trivandrum and Neyyattinkara.

138. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the number of applications received from the ryots of the Trivandrum taluk for remission of tax on account of the destruction of paddy crops by floods in the years 1099 and 1100; and

(ii) the number of applications granted?

(*b*) Is it a fact that remission of tax was granted to the ryots of the Neyyattinkara taluk who suffered loss on account of the floods of the year 1099?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) 25.

(ii) Nil.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Appointments made in the Medical Department in 1103.

139. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, showing—

(i) the number of Medical Officers newly entertained in service since Chingam 1103;

(ii) the number relieved from among them; and

(iii) the number of those now (2-12-1103) in service?

(2) How long was each of the relieved hands in service?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) Statements* containing the information required by the member are laid on the table.

Prohibitory Order against the "Srivazhumkod", "Veerakeralan" etc.

140. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the grounds on which the *Srivazhumkod*, the *Veerakeralan* and the Sundaresa Vilasam Press were proscribed; and

(*b*) the particular article or articles or editorials which were found to be objectionable and the nature of such objection?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The general tone of these Newspapers, which dealt almost exclusively with matters relating to Travancore, was persistently so scurrilous, perverse and mischievous as to render them, the Government were satisfied, unfit for admission into the State.

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